

# "WILSON POLICY CRIME AGAINST NATION"—TEDDY

Roosevelt Points Out Folly of  
Present Administration.

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Butchered in Battle.

SAYS HIS SONS WILL ENLIST

No Hesitation on Part of Roose-  
velts If War Demands.

Peace of Unpreparedness Leads  
to Overwhelming Disaster.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., April 24.—Re-  
sponding to an inquiry as to the  
nation's preparedness for possible war,  
former President Roosevelt has made  
the following statement:

"Men are saying that they stand  
behind the president or by the presi-  
dent. I wish to speak for the men  
who in the event of war will stand  
in front of the president and between  
him and the foreign enemy; and who  
therefore will stand between danger  
and the men who are behind or beside  
the president.

"These are the men who will go to  
war at once if there is war with  
Germany or with any other great  
power and who feel as I do, that we  
would far rather go to war unprepared  
than see our women and children mur-  
dered with impunity and the honor  
of the flag stained.

"But it is a wicked thing that the  
policy of our rulers in obeying the  
behests of the peace at any price peo-  
ple and of the apostles of anti-pre-  
paredness should make the sacrifice  
either useless or else needlessly and  
appallingly wasteful in blood.

"Sons Will Go.  
"In the event of such a war my  
four sons will go and one perhaps  
both of my sons-in-law. I will go my-  
self; the young men folk and friends  
of my sons will go and my words are  
spoken with my eyes open.

"It is of small consequence what  
happens to us of the older generation;  
but when I think of the young men my  
heart grows bitter that their fine and  
gallant lives should be sacrificed not  
to the nation's need, but to the nation's  
folly.

"I would far rather see them dead  
than see them flinch from their duty  
when the honor of our people is con-  
cerned. But if we now go to war the  
young men and all their fellows will  
die in thousands of fever and dysentery  
and lung trouble, and will die because  
we have not prepared in advance,  
because they and those who would  
lead and care for them have never  
been trained in the use of arms and  
the delicate mechanism of war.

"They will be butchered needlessly  
in battle because we have failed to  
prepare masses of artillery and ma-  
chine guns and motor trucks, and  
ships and aeroplanes and have failed  
to provide and train the men who  
shall manage all the formidable and  
delicate mechanism of war.

"Twenty-one months have passed  
since the great war began and dur-  
ing all this time we have not prepared  
in even the smallest degree, in order  
if possible to avert war from us, or if  
it could not be averted, to wage it ef-  
ficiently and successfully.

"The pacifists and anti-preparedness  
people have and are making us rulers  
at Washington have bowed to them  
and left us helpless; and with blind  
fatuity they said they did this in  
the interests of humanity.

"Price of Disaster.  
"When will our people learn that  
peace of unpreparedness is the price of  
disaster and that the time to prepare  
is long overdue.

"Fourteen months ago we notified  
Germany that if we did not withdraw  
since she has done and has continued  
to do, we would hold her to a strict  
accountability. Such language could  
only be justified if immediate and in-  
thorough going fashion we had bent  
our energy to the task of preparing  
and therefore showing that we meant  
what we said and that we possessed  
both the will and the power to make  
our words good.

"Such a course would not have in-  
creased, it would have greatly dimin-  
ished the chances of war. But we sat  
quietly. We took the time to pre-  
pare. Naturally Germany did not  
treat us seriously; we misled her.

"Now, fourteen months afterward,  
we say that we are not prepared. We  
many now does as we wish. It will, as  
I have said before, be proof positive  
that Germany would have yielded if  
we had acted that Germany knew we  
meant what we said; and in such  
case, therefore, our rulers at Wash-  
ington will have been proved respon-  
sible for the blood of the thousands of  
useful men, women and children  
who have been killed.

"Crime Against Nation.  
"If she does not yield we are then  
faced with a crisis for which during  
twenty-one months we have failed to  
prepare in even the smallest degree.

"The failure of our rulers at Wash-  
ington to prepare during these twenty-  
one months when even a child ought  
to have seen what was impending, has  
represented a folly so extreme that in  
its effect it was a crime against the  
nation."

## WRECK TWO TRANS

Villista Bandits Succeeded in Killing  
Twenty-Four Mexicans.

El Paso, Texas, April 24.—Villista  
bandits wrecked two trains on the  
Mexican Central railroad between  
Jimenez and Terreon Sunday. Four  
persons were killed in the first wreck  
and twenty in the second—all were  
Mexicans.

The information was received here  
in a message from the conductor of  
the train to the division superinten-  
dent of the line. The message was sent  
from Yermo, which is about eighty  
miles south of Chihuahua.

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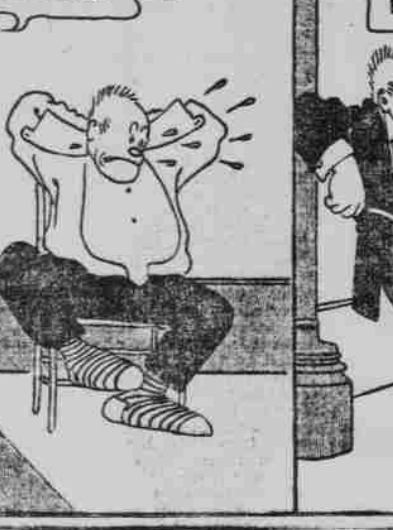
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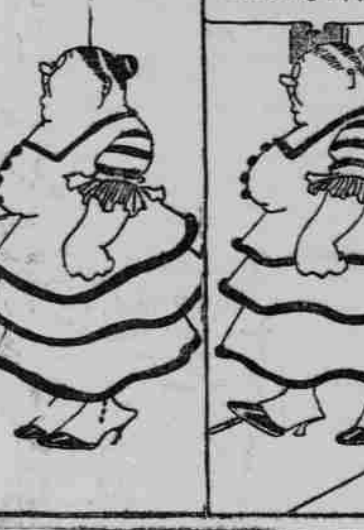
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Make-Believe" and the photography is  
highly satisfactory.

The eleventh episode of "The  
Savage Comedy" is also being pre-